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Super Bowl Weekend — draw up a seat

THE SUPER BOWL SCENE

Super Bowl XX gets underway this Sunday with the Chicago Bears going against New England Patriots in New Orleans. Ladies, this will be one Sunday the old saying goes: "If you can't beat them join them." Many sports fans will be glued to the TV set to watch what is considered the biggest event of the year.

The Bears are favored by 10 to 10½ points by many sportswriters but don't count out the Patriots. The Patriots don't need the media-made superstars, familiar faces of field and films. The Bears have truly been busy in magazine, on talk shows, singing, and eating. The low-key personality of the Patriots have concentrated

on the mental effort or for things going right on the playing field. Their fun can come later.

Sports fans sit back and enjoy Super Bowl Sunday. By the way, each winning player will receive \$36,000 while the loser's get \$18,000 each. How much will you win?

When the charter planes

carrying the Chicago Bears and the New England Patriots touched down Monday afternoon at New Orleans International Airport, Super Bowl Week officially began.

The cabbies, the bartenders, the souvenir hawkers -- they're ready. So are the 2,000 plus-members of the media.

The only missing ingredients are the fans who have turned Chicago and Boston into urban pep rallies, but who haven't arrived in sufficient numbers to bump the New Orleans party into full Super Bowl frenzy.

Monday, the locals were in charge. The parade honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday filled the city streets. And the same welcoming crowds at the airport were made up almost entirely of transplants from the Midwest and New England or local football fans who have built affections for one of the two teams.

"I've been a Bears fan for 20 years," said Mark Jacobson, an engineer who moved here from Chicago.

He couldn't resist driving by the airport when he heard the Bears' arrival schedule on his car radio. But the only glimpses Jacobson and 50 or so others got of the Bears was through a waiting-room window, as the team deplaned.

"You mean we brought our kids out here for nothing?" asked Pam McArthur, a Milwaukee resident in town with her 2½-year-old daughter, Dana.

"I really didn't care much about the Super Bowl until I saw (the Bear's video) 'The Super Bowl Shuffle.' They were so psyched, I really got up for the game. And I lucked into a ticket."

Hannelore Clayton and her 11-year-old son, Michael, checked out the arrivals of both teams. "Nineteen years without a winner here, and I guess you look at teams like this and you think it could happen here."

SPORTS ON PARADE

By B.J. RICHARD



The heavyweight scramble to untangle

Promoter Don King once again has come up with a great idea. King and promoter Butch Lewis plan to stage a series of fights between the three boxing association champions, including Holmes-Spinks rematch, to crown a single world heavyweight champion. The series will be called "the super bowl of boxing." The event will open March 22. The WBA, WBC and IBF federations will be involved. More details will follow in next week's column.

Lendl beats Becker for the big marbles

The Nabisco \$500,000 Masters tennis championships came to a head as Wimbledon champion Boris Becker of West Germany and top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia reached the finals. Lendl walked away with the \$100,000 first place prize but not without a fight. The match was considered one of the finest performances by both players. Enroute to the finals both players had their work cut out. Becker outlasted Sweden's Anders Jarryd 6-3, 6-4. Lendl in the top half of the draw stopped Ecuador Andres Gomez, 6-4, 7-5.

UNLV Rebels to face Mexico State

The Running Rebels had no trouble defeating Cal State-Fullerton, 62-51. Fullerton, known as an outmanned but spunky basketball team, saw the UNLV Rebels take advantage

of their horrid shooting by playing smart and patient ball.

UNLV's record stands at 17-2 and 6-0 in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association. Thursday, Jan. 23, the Rebels will face second-place New Mexico State for a showdown for first place. The contest will be held in New Mexico.

UNLV Sports

Carson City's Matt Williams, a junior shortstop for the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, was selected to the Collegiate Baseball magazine pre-season All-American team. Williams, who batted .311 last season with 21 home runs and 73 runs batted in, is the first UNLV baseball player in school history to receive pre-season All-American honors.

BOXING

Fight schedule

Major Fight Schedule
(c denotes defending champion)

Jan. 24 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Mike Tyson vs. Philip Brown, 10, heavyweights.
Jan. 24 at Atlantic City, N.J. — John Meekins vs. Juan Ramon Santana, 10, junior welterweights; Henry Milligan vs. Lionel Byarm, 8, cruiserweights.
Jan. 25 at Atlantic City, N.J. — James Broad vs. Rodney Frazier, 10, heavyweights.
Jan. 25 at Lancaster, Pa. — Mark Breland vs. Troy Wortham, 10, welterweights; Tyrell Biggs vs. James Tillis, 8, heavyweights.
Jan. 28 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Rickey Parkey vs. Carlos Hernandez, 10, cruiserweight.
Jan. 30 at New York — David Braxton vs. Mark Medel, 12, NABF super welterweight title; Angel "El Bravo" Cruz vs. James "Buddy" McGirt, 10, junior welterweight.
Jan. 31 at Atlantic City, N.J. — Bert Cooper vs. Ernie Barr, 10, cruiserweights.
Feb. 2 at Lake Charles, La. — Meldrick Taylor vs. Robin Blake, 10, lightweights.
Feb. 5 at Providence, R.I. — Vinny Pazienza vs. Joe Frazier, Jr., 10, junior welterweights.
Feb. 7 at Las Vegas — Steve Cruz vs. Rocky Garcia, 10, featherweights; Ernie Landeros vs. Victor Acosta, 10, lightweights.
Feb. 9 at Reno — Alexis Arguello vs. Bill Costello, 10, junior welterweights.
Feb. 13 at Taegu, Japan — c-Jiro Watanabe vs. Yun Suk Hwan, 12, WBC junior bantamweight title.
Feb. 15 at Dublin, Ireland — c-Barry McGuigan vs. Fernando Sosa, 10, WBA featherweight title.
Feb. 16 at Reno — c-Livingstone Bramble vs. Tyrone Crawley, 10, WBA lightweight title.
Feb. 16 at Troy, N.Y. — Carl "Truth" Williams vs. Mike Tyson.
Feb. 22 at undetermined site — Mavis Frazier vs. James "Bonecrusher" Smith, 10, heavyweights.
Feb. 25 at Las Vegas — Cubanito Perez vs. Martin Quroz, 10, lightweights.
March 2 at Las Vegas — Cornelius Boza-Edwards vs. Terrence All, 10, lightweights.
March 4 at London — Gerrie Coetzee vs. Frank Bruno, 12, heavyweights.
March 8 at undetermined site — c-Carlos Santos vs. Davey Moore, 10, IBF junior middleweight title.

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